

**MINUTES
BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS
SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2005**

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Mel Katz, Susan Lew, Judy McCarty, MaryAnne Pinter, Natalie Rencher

Absent: Matthew Hervey, Katie Sullivan

Staff: Anna Tatár, Library Director; Afshin Oskoui, Deputy Director; Meryl Balko, Deputy Director; Margaret Kazmer, Deputy Director; Jay Hill, Director of Development; Carol Young, Senior Management Analyst; Drew Ector, Council District 2 Representative

Public: Thomas Jamieson, Christina Clifford, Cecily McEuen, Rudy Narvaez

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. in the Second Floor Meeting Room of the Central Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 2005 minutes were approved.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Cecily McEuen

The Friends have allowed their mailing list to be used in an appeal for planned giving, and will be paying the \$4,000 cost of the mailing.

All of the essays for the Essay Contest have been submitted and are in the process of being judged. The awards ceremony will be on the evening of April 28 in the Balboa Park Club.

SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD: Tom Jamieson

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 30.

Mr. Jamieson noted that Jose Aponte, former Oceanside Library Director, has been appointed San Diego County Librarian, and a new County branch is under construction in Campo.

CHAIR'S UPDATE: Mel Katz

Commissioner Katz read an e-mail from Doug Burns from Leap Wireless which complimented staff in the Science Section for great service.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Anna Tatár

- The READ/San Diego Tutor-Learner Recognition Event held on February 5 was successful.
- Mark Winkler was recognized at City Council for heading up the Point Loma fundraising campaign for the new branch library.
- The Library has been hosting a visiting librarian from Guadalajara, Mexico, where a new library is being built. Plans are to continue the relationship between the two libraries.
- The Library co-sponsored a writers' symposium at Point Loma Nazarene. Speakers Bill Moyers and Peter Matthiessen agreed to do public service announcements for the Library.

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

No report.

AGENDA ITEMS

10.a Library System Update

Commissioner Katz stated that \$100 million is now being secured for the new Main Library, including \$20 million from the State and \$80 million from Redevelopment Agency funds.

Mr. Oskoui reported that there is a CCDC workshop scheduled for March 9 to discuss the Main Library construction budget, schedule, and other related items. Current plans are for the project to be taken to the April joint meeting of the City Council and Redevelopment Board.

The New Main Library Construction Cost Comparison was discussed. Items that were deleted from the updated costs can be added back if funds become available before or during construction. The architect and staff agree that the current value engineering will not impact the aesthetics and functionality of the building.

Commissioner Lew requested that the Main Library architect be asked to attend the April Commission meeting to go over the revised cost estimate.

Mr. Oskoui provided a brief update of branch construction projects, reporting that four branches are presently under construction. College-Rolando construction should be completed by the end of the fiscal year, with additional time needed by Library staff to move into the new facility. North University Community is in the permit process, and Serra Mesa is in the process of having the site graded. Money has been reallocated from the interim financing to pay for the Ocean Beach, Balboa, North Park and Skyline Hills designs, as well as to complete College-Rolando and Otay-Nestor construction. Logan Heights will be ready to go out to bid for construction in the fall.

It was also reported that JMI is developing a master development plan for the area around the new Main Library to address view corridors, shadowing and other issues. Representatives from JMI will be available in April or May to present the information to the Commission.

10.b Budget Update

Mr. Hill distributed and reviewed the latest monthly report on fund raising, noting that the status of matching fund donations was added. He also distributed the latest water bill mailer with Trevor Hoffmann on the envelope. The Library will honor planned givers during National Library Week in April. To date there are 26 members of the Carnegie Society.

Commissioners Pintar and Katz suggested that Trevor Hoffmann and other local celebrities be asked to do public service announcements (PSAs) as part of a coordinated fund raising campaign. Commissioner McCarty suggested that major donors also do PSAs explaining why they gave to the Library.

Ms. Tatár reported that all General Fund departments have been asked to provide a five percent savings plan for the current fiscal year. She also announced that City Council has scheduled a public hearing on Monday, March 7 for the public to provide input on reductions for the FY 2006 budget.

10.c Legislative Update

No report.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Katz adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

ANNA TATÁR
Library Director

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TO DO LIST
March 2005 Commission Meeting

1. Ask Rob Quigley to come to April meeting to go over revised cost estimates.
2. Schedule JMI in April or May to present master development plan.
3. Send info re. March 7 Council budget hearing. (Done)
4. Ask local celebrities to do PSAs as part of a coordinated fundraising campaign, and ask major donors to do PSAs explaining why they gave to the Library.

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